

the Army, both of the Department of Defense; Joel Kupersmith, Chief Research and Development Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; James H. Binns, Jr., Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses, Phoenix, Arizona; Julie Mock, Veterans of Modern Warfare, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Meryl Nass, Mount Desert Island Hospital, Bar Harbor, Maine; Lea Steele, Kansas State University, Topeka, on behalf of the Research Advisory Committee

on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; and Roberta White, Boston University School of Public Health Department of Environmental Health, Boston, Massachusetts.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3648–3667; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 52–53; H. Con. Res. 219; and H. Res. 676, 679–681 were introduced. **Pages H10900–01**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10901–03**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3567, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to expand opportunities for investments in small businesses (H. Rept. 110–347);

H. Res. 677, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 52) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–348); and

H. Res. 678, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2693) to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl (H. Rept. 110–349). **Page H10900**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Welch (VT) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10759**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H10759**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Imam Yusuf Saleem, Masjid Muhammad, Washington, DC. **Page H10760**

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representatives Dingell and Gilchrest. **Page H10763**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives

to the Congressional Award Board: Representative Jackson Lee (Texas); and, in addition, Mr. Paxton Baker of Maryland, Mr. Vic Fazio of Virginia, Mrs. Annette Lantos of California, and Ms. Mary Rodgers of Pennsylvania. **Page H10763**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Representative Bilirakis. **Page H10763**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Cliff Akiyama of California to the Congressional Award Board. **Page H10764**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, September 24th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month": H. Res. 584, to support the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 896; **Page H10774**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 210, to support the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 897; and **Pages H10774–75**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day: H. Res. 663, to support the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 898. **Pages H10775–76**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007: H.R. 1400, amended, to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by imposing additional economic sanctions against Iran, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 895;

Pages H10764–74

Expressing the ongoing concern of the House of Representatives for Lebanon's democratic institutions and unwavering support for the administration of justice upon those responsible for the assassination of Lebanese public figures opposing Syrian control of Lebanon: H. Res. 548, amended, to express the ongoing concern of the House of Representatives for Lebanon's democratic institutions and unwavering support for the administration of justice upon those responsible for the assassination of Lebanese public figures opposing Syrian control of Lebanon, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 899;

Pages H10776–78, H10801–02

Global Poverty Act of 2007: H.R. 1302, amended, to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day;

Pages H10778–81

Expressing sympathy to and support for the people and governments of the countries of Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico which have suffered from Hurricanes Felix, Dean, and Henriette and whose complete economic and fatality toll are still unknown: H. Res. 642, to express sympathy to and support for the people and governments of the countries of Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico which have suffered from Hurricanes Felix, Dean, and Henriette and whose complete economic and fatality toll are still unknown, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 900;

Pages H10781–82, H10802

Strongly condemning the United Nations Human Rights Council for ignoring severe human rights abuses in various countries, while choosing to unfairly target Israel by including it as the only country permanently placed on the Council's agenda: H. Res. 557, amended, to strongly condemn the United Nations Human Rights Council for ignoring severe human rights abuses in various countries, while choosing to unfairly target Israel by including it as the only country permanently placed on the Council's agenda, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 901;

Pages H10782–85, H10802–03

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives supporting the goals and ideals of Campus Fire Safety Month: H. Res. 95, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives supporting the goals and ideals of Campus Fire Safety Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 905;

Pages H10785–86, H10815–16

Calling on the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship to accommodate students of all religious faiths: H. Res. 25, to call on the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship to accommodate students of all religious faiths;

Pages H10786–89

Making permanent the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency: H.R. 3625, to make permanent the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency;

Pages H10789–91

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities: H. Res. 590, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 907;

Pages H10791–93, H10885–86

Stop AIDS in Prison Act of 2007: H.R. 1943, amended, to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons;

Pages H10793–96

Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research: H. Res. 470, to support efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research;

Pages H10796–98

Correcting technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3580: H. Con. Res. 217, to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3580; and

Page H10798

Extending the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months: H.R. 3375, amended, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months.

Pages H10798–H10801

Recess: The House recessed at 5:48 p.m. and reconvened at 6:37 p.m. **Page H10816**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 265 yeas to 159 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 906, with the amendment printed in H. Rept. 110-346. **Pages H10816-85**

H. Res. 675, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 215 yeas to 199 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 904, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 218 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 903. **Pages H10803-15**

Earlier, agreed to the McGovern motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order raised by Representative Rogers (MI) by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 902. **Page H10804**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10885.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twelve yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10773, H10774, H10774-75, H10775-76, H10801-02, H10802, H10802-03, H10804, H10814-15, H10815, H10816, H10885, and H10885-86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Safety of Imported Foods. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: David Acheson, M.D., Assistant Commissioner, Food Protection; and Stephen Soloman, D.V.M., Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Regional Operations; the former officials of the FDA: Benjamin England, Counsel to the Associate Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs; and Carl R. Nielsen, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs' Division of Import Operations and Policy; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch appropriations held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of the Architect: Stephen Ayers Acting Architect; Ken Lauziere, Fire Marshal; and Bernie Ungar, Project Executive, Capitol Visitor Center; and Terry Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

FROM IMUS TO INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "From Imus to Industry: The Business of Stereotypes and Degrading Images." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3521, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007; and H.R. 2930, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007.

The Committee also began mark up of H.R. 3355, Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

PEPFAR REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on PEPFAR Reauthorization: From Emergency to Sustainability. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APEC 2007: ADVANCING U.S. EXPORT TO ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on APEC 2007: Advancing U.S. Exports to the Asia-Pacific Region. Testimony was heard from Patricia Haslach, Senior Official, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Department of State; and Wendy Cutler, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Japan, Korea and APEC Affairs; and a public witness.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2830, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007.

OVERSIGHT—ANTITRUST AGENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy held an oversight hearing on Antitrust Agencies: Department of Justice Antitrust Division and Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Competition. Testimony was heard from Deborah